Monthly Report

August 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007

Project Title

Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) One Stop Shop for Traveler Information

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The work performed under this contract has been performed by PBS&J with the assistance of our subcontractors, Current Transportation Solutions and ETC Institute.

Introduction

This first monthly report covers the period from August 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007. During that month, the PBS&J team continued gathering information on user needs.

The next section provides an overview of the project objective. The report then provides an overview of the progress completed during the previous month, and compares anticipated budget and work to the project schedule.

Project Objective

The objective of this project is to develop an implementation plan for a one-stop shop for traveler information, with a focus on traveler information needs for the transportation-disadvantaged, including the elderly, disabled, and poor. In addition, the plan should address traveler information needs for tourists.

Work Progress

We performed the following tasks:

• Contacted constituencies not represented at the focus groups to gather additional information.

Issues

The focus group members were primarily from the human services community. We will likely need to conduct some one-on-one interviews with selected transportation and

transit providers to get their feedback. Scheduling these interviews has taken more time than was initially expected, so the schedule for the project has slipped. A revised schedule is included with this report. Line 23 shows the need to gather additional information. Other changes on the schedule include:

- the deletion of the items related to the mid-project meeting, as we have determined that the meeting isn't necessary
- Shortened time frames for tasks 3.1.5, 3.1.6, and 3.1.7, to ensure that, to the extent possible, we stay on schedule.

Major Accomplishments or Discoveries

The major accomplishment this month was the completion of information gathering from other constituencies.

Work Projection

During the next month, we plan to complete the following activities:

• Complete a draft of the implementation plan.

Financial Report

Table 1 on the following page shows the current financial status of the project as of the end of July, 2007. Note that the financial summary lags behind the progress report by one month.

									Estimated
			Ε	xpended	Percent	Α	mount	Percent	Percent
Task	In	itial Cost	1	to Date	Expended	Re	maining	Remaining	Complete
Finalize Research Plan	\$	7,318	\$	5,680	77.6%	\$	1,638	22.4%	100%
Review Transportation Information Systems	\$	8,685	\$	6,900	79.5%	\$	1,785	20.5%	85%
dentify Current Technologies	\$	9,349	\$	6,400	68.5%	\$	2,949	31.5%	85%
Review existing MT Information Services	\$	8,043	\$	3,500	43.5%	\$	4,543	56.5%	60%
Determine Public and User Needs	\$	35,000	\$	12,718	36.3%	\$	22,282	63.7%	60%
Determine Additional Needs	\$	12,753	\$	4,000	31.4%	\$	8,753	68.6%	45%
Determine Best Options	\$	4,559	\$	1,678	36.8%	\$	2,881	63.2%	35%
Recommend Implementation Approach	\$	3,757	\$	2,400	63.9%	\$	1,357	36.1%	55%
Review Funding Options	\$	3,446	\$	3,283	95.3%	\$	163	4.7%	95%
Review TranPlan 21	\$	2,075	\$	2,044	98.5%	\$	31	1.5%	100%
Implementation Plan	\$	16,344	\$	3,363	20.6%	\$	12,982	79.4%	25%
Kick-Off Meeting	\$	4,961	\$	4,274	86.2%	\$	687	13.8%	100%
Mid-Project Meeting	\$	4,961	\$	-	0.0%	\$	4,961	100.0%	
Final Project Meeting	\$	4,961	\$	-	0.0%	\$	4,961	100.0%	
Project Summary Report	\$	1,335	\$	-	0.0%	\$	1,335	100.0%	
Monthly Progress Reports	\$	3,414	\$	2,530	74.1%	\$	885	25.9%	63%
Total	\$	130,963	\$	58,770	44.9%	\$	72,193	55.1%	

	-	Actual		Projected		
State Fiscal Year 2007 Expenditures	\$	53,087	\$	117,276		
Federal Fiscal Year 2007 Expenditures	\$	58,770	\$	130,963		
State Fiscal Year 2008 Expenditures	\$	5,684	\$	13,688		
Federal Fiscal Year 2008 Expenditures	\$	-	\$	-		